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## **INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED TO EIGHT AND A HALF YEARS FOR POSSESSING FIREARM**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

INDIANAPOLIS - Orville Zook , 24, Indianapolis, was sentenced to 102 months in federal prison late Wednesday by U.S. District Judge William T. Lawrence following his guilty plea to unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, announced Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) into a shooting incident on the east side of Indianapolis in February of 2010.

Specifically, on February 27, 2010, at approximately 2:50 AM, IMPD officers were dispatched to Club Paradise, a strip club located at 5255 English Avenue to investigate a report of shots fired and an injured person at that location. Upon arrival at that location, officers did not locate either the shooter or the injured person. They did, however, recover a spent shell casing from a 9mm handgun.

Approximately 10 minutes later, IMPD officers were dispatched to a suspicious person call in the 2900 block of East Raymond Street, Indianapolis. The subject of the call was described as a white male with a short, pudgy build, wearing dark clothing. That description matched the description of a person IMPD was looking for in connection with the earlier shots-fired call at Club Paradise.

When officers arrived in the 2900 block of East Raymond Street they observed an individual on the front porch of a residence fitting the description of the suspect in the earlier shooting and the suspicious person call. As officers approached the individual, the subject made a hand gesture toward his waist area and appeared to flick something with his right hand toward the ground. As officers got closer, they observed a Norinco, Model 213, 9mm pistol, on the ground next to the front porch. Officers secured the gun and suspect, who was then identified as Orville Zook ("Zook").



Near the residence at 2923 East Raymond, IMPD officers also located a black Chevy vehicle matching the description of the vehicle the suspect in the shots-fired call was seen driving away from Club Paradise.

During the course of the investigation, the Norinco 9 mm was examined by the Indianapolis-Marion County Forensic Services Agency (I-MCFSA) and determined to be a functioning firearm. Additionally, I-MCFSA compared the spent shell casing found in the parking lot of Club Paradise on February 27, 2010, with the shell casing test-fired in the Norinco at the IMCFSA lab and concluded that the shell casing recovered from the Club Paradise parking lot was fired in the same Norinco 9mm handgun recovered from Zook in the 2900 block of East Raymond Street.

In sentencing Zook to 102 month, Judge Lawrence noted that Zook is only 24 years-old but has already amassed 10 criminal convictions, including felony convictions for Auto Theft / Receiving Stolen Parts and Theft / Receiving Stolen Property in July 2005; Burglary in March 2008, and Battery on a Corrections Officer in April 2008. Those convictions accounted for 17 criminal history points, placing Zook among the worst offenders and in the highest criminal history category (VI) under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew J. Rinka, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Lawrence also imposed three years supervised release following Zook's release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Zook will be required to undergo drug testing and participate in a drug treatment program.

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